

NON-UNION MINERS FAIL TO JOIN COUNTRY-WIDE STRIKE

AN FORTY AT WORK REGION TODAY

24 Empties Were red by the Operations

RS AT WORK

Where Operators Effect Reduced ge Scale

Non-union miners are paralyzed in the West Virginia today as a first day of the gen- eral strike of the miners of America. At the coal cutters and their work on Fri- day, and in the vast ma- jority of cases, no effort was made to work today. Mines in West Virginia today are empty.

Miners where the com- munity is willing to pay the miners' officials had other necessary help. However in instances operators insisted upon reduced wage scale, the did not report to pump it. It is understood that the condition with the Monongahela Coal today, where bosses or affiliated with the union pumps.

On forty mines were at on the non-union basis in West Virginia, and could be learned all were and at least some of been working on the basis for some time. On North Division, B. & O., 12 said to be at work. Along North Division, 17 were re- ported being idle, and pre- siding.

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HOSPITAL DRIVE CLOSES TONIGHT

Campaign Going Better Now--
350 Members Reported
at Noon

The Cook Hospital membership campaign will close tonight. Starting Wednesday, the drive has extended over a period of four days, and all wards and suburbs of the city have been thoroughly canvassed by the ward chairmen and their assistants.

At noon today 350 memberships, or \$350, had been reported to Mrs. C. E. Smith, general chairman of the drive, and as the campaign will not close until tonight and the workers are still canvassing a much larger membership is expected when the drive closes.

There is no age or sex limit to membership in the association, and anyone will be enrolled as an honorary member upon the payment of \$1 which is the annual membership fee.

ALL NIGHT PARTY ENDS IN A FIGHT

Knife, Razor and Glass Jar Used by Combatants During Struggle

After spending the night in drunken revel, Landen Owens and Charles Williams, negroes, broke off diplomatic relations shortly before 6 o'clock this morning and a battle followed. When Assistant Chief of Police Shroyer and Police-
man Daugherty reached the Williams home at 538 Monroe street, the house was in darkness but they could hear curses and yells coming from inside.

The officers gained an entrance and arrested Williams, Owens and Albert Hayes, a negro woman, and took them all to the city building and locked them up in the jail.

This morning the trio explained the trouble to Mayor W. W. Conway, and the woman was fined \$5 and costs and the men \$10 and costs each. Owens paid his fine and that of the woman, but Williams was unable to pay.

Albert Hayes, one of the women in the case, the others having left the house before the officers arrived, told Mayor Conway that Williams who rents the house had been selling her and Owens whiskey all night long. Between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, the men began to quarrel, and Williams ordered Owens out of the house. Owens refused to go, and Williams pulled a razor and knife out of his clothing, and with the razor in one hand and the knife in the other he started to forcibly eject Owens from the house.

Owens seized a fruit jar which he had earlier had been filled with whiskey, and hurled it at Williams. The fragments of broken glass cutting a deep gash in Williams' lip. While hurling things at each other, the light in the room was extinguished, and the men continued to fight in the dark. The arrival of the police stopped hostilities.

After the trial in police court this morning, Chief Snider escorted Williams to the office of Prosecuting Attorney Frank R. Amos where he was held pending an investigation of the alleged charge lodged against him, of selling whiskey. Albert Hayes and Landen Owens were being held as witnesses.

John Coski, who says he worked until yesterday, when the strike order caused him to cease work, was before the mayor on a charge of being drunk and disorderly at the interurban station last evening. John entered a plea of guilty to the charge of being drunk, and the disorderly charge was dropped. He was fined \$5 and costs. He made arrangements to pay and was released from jail.

Mike Rubso, arrested by Police-
man Fleming on a charge of being drunk in Jefferson street, entered a plea of guilty and drew \$5 and costs, which he paid.

STOLEN!

Reward for Information.
Ford Touring, License No. 33513. Factory No. 2083. Motor No. 4895718. Red Flisk Tire on left front wheel. Taken from Meredith street at 9:40 Friday evening.
LEVI B. HARR.

HOUSE FOR SALE

Handsome new 6 room suburban home in Fairmont, just completed. Garage, half acre ground. All city conveniences. Eleven years to pay. Barrackville road, Hillcrest section. See—
H. H. STAGGERS
Phones 1121-726

EXILED EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA DIES OF FEVER TODAY

Former Monarch Ends Life at Home on Island of Madeira

ILL ONLY ONE WEEK

Millions of Crowns Raised by Friends in Effort to Save His Life

FUNCHAL, April 1.—By The Associated Press.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria Hungary died here today.

Former Emperor Charles was taken ill at his home in exile on the island of Madeira slightly more than a week ago. He was first said to be suffering from fever, but doctors from Funchal March 28 announced that his malady was bronchial pneumonia and later it was stated that he was suffering from pneumonia with cerebral complications. His condition became so serious Wednesday that Extreme Unction was administered.

There was some improvement in the former ruler's condition Wednesday but he failed to maintain his gain and Friday's advisers were that he was growing rapidly worse.

The illness of the ex-ruler excited widespread sympathy among the monarchists in Budapest. One of the former court physicians started from Vienna in the hope of reaching Funchal and attending the ex-monarch. Several million crowns had been raised to defray the expense. In Budapest it was rumored that Count Julius Andrássy had sold a famous Rembrandt for 300,000 francs to assist the exile.

MADALINE BARNES IS BEST SPELLER

Union District Girl Misses Only One Word in Hard Test

District spelling contests, to decide the two pupils to represent the schools of the various territorial districts at the county championship spelling match to be held at 10:30 o'clock next Saturday morning in the county court room at the court house, were held at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Madeline Barnes of the Miller-ville School, Union District, is leading all the county so far, having misspelled only one word in the test. Helen Saccomen of the City Point School in Lincoln District is second, and A. Marie Swisher of Catwaba School, is third. Miss Saccomen misspelled nine words and Miss Swisher, ten words.

The district winners, as announced by Superintendent Barnes, the school they attend, and the number of words misspelled by each is as follows:

Lincoln District.
First—Helen Saccomen, City Point School, (9).
Second—Ralph Watkins, Carolina School, (19).
Third—Irene Smith, Thoburn School, (24).
Fourth—Merida Thomas, Ida May School, (23).

Winfield District.
First—A. Marie Swisher, Catwaba School, (10).
Second—Ruth Bowman, Hill School, (14).
Third—Georgia Hall, Hoult School, (19).
Fourth—Agnes Hawkins, Hill School, (37).

Union District.
First—Madeline Barnes, Levels School, (1).
Second—James Reeves, Hopewell School, (26).
Third—Olive D. Rudy, Grasse Run, (28).
Fourth—William Dilliner, Millersville School, (29).

NEW FEDERAL OFFICER SWORN IN THIS MORNING

Alfred Richmond, new deputy United States marshal for the northern district of West Virginia, and Miss Virginia Fleming and George L. Rose, office deputies under the retiring marshal, were all sworn in before United States Commissioner J. F. Kirby today. Richmond was sworn in as a field deputy and Miss Fleming and Rose as office deputies.

Marshal C. E. Smith and the other members of his staff are at Elkins today where Louis Buchwald was sworn in as marshal and Marshal Smith was to turn over to him the affairs of the office.

Text of Official Statement of Northern West Virginia Coal Operators Association Here

(Reprinted from The West Virginian yesterday)

On March 7, 1932, the directors of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association met in their offices at Fairmont, West Virginia, and authorized the advisory board of the association to invite district officers of district No. 17, United Mine Workers of America, into conference for the purpose of negotiating a wage scale and working agreement to become effective after the expiration of present contract, March 31, 1932.

The membership of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association is composed of the majority of the operators in twelve and one-half counties in Northern West Virginia with an approximate normal annual production of 20,000,000 tons and approximately 20,000 employees.

In accordance with the instructions from directors of this association, the advisory board sent an invitation in the form of a telegram to President C. F. Keeney of district No. 17, United Mine Workers of America, to meet at Baltimore on the 13th of March. Mr. Keeney accepted this invitation by telegram for a conference preliminary to the negotiations.

The association sent to Baltimore on the 13th to negotiate an agreement with the United Mine Workers of America the full scale committee and the sub-scale committee and a meeting of the directors of the association was also called the same date at the same place. Mr. Keeney appeared at this meeting, stating he had no authority, and asked that an adjournment take place until the 25th, at which time he would come back to Baltimore to meet with the operators with authority to negotiate and conclude a scale. He stated that his district convention was to meet at Charleston on the 21st and that this convention would appoint a scale committee with authority to act and that he would secure authority from the international policy board at its meeting in Cleveland on the 24th. To all of these requests the operators agreed, and returned to Baltimore on the 25th of March prepared to negotiate and sign a scale with an agreement for working conditions. The meeting convened at the Southern Hotel, Baltimore, on the 25th shortly after 10 a. m. and Mr. Fred Mooney, secretary of district No. 17, requested adjournment until 1:30, stating that it would be impossible for Mr. Keeney to be present until that time. Adjournment was agreed to and upon re-convening at 1:30, Mr. Keeney was asked if he was prepared to negotiate and sign a wage agreement for the field of Northern West Virginia, beginning April 1. Mr. Keeney replied, "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I am unauthorized to negotiate and conclude a contract at this time." Mr. Keeney also made further statements with reference to why he did not have authority, and after his speech international Representative Moore made a statement to the same effect that Mr. Keeney spoke and the meeting adjourned.

Notwithstanding these facts, the United Mine Workers of America sent to individual members of their organization in Northern West Virginia the following referendum ballot:

"Do you favor and vote for a general suspension of mining operations beginning April 1, when the present contract between coal miners and operators expires, in the event no agreement is reached by that time?"

By the mine workers' refusal to negotiate a new contract as reflected on this ballot, they destroyed the only means of preventing a suspension of work on April 1.

From this record, the public will clearly understand the position of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association in the present situation. That position has been consistently a willingness to negotiate with the miners' union in an effort to avoid a stoppage of production in this district. The operators not only took the initiative by asking for negotiations, but consented to delay while the miners' officials sought to obtain authority from their National Policy Committee. The fact that the district union officials are without this authority has been and still is the sole obstacle to a peaceful settlement in Northern West Virginia. The scale committee of the operators has been from the start authorized to conduct such negotiations. That the public will obtain its usual supply of coal from this district is due simply and solely to the National policy of the United Mine Workers.

In the face of this attitude on the part of the operators, it must be obvious that a suspension of mining operations on April 1 is not only not of their seeking but beyond their power to prevent.

EIGHT HOUR DAY OBSERVED HERE

President Keeney Chief Speaker at Meeting—Mooney Not Here Today

Miners of Northern West Virginia today celebrated Eight Hour Day, which happened to fall on the first day of the general suspension in the union coal fields of the country.

At Monongah today, the miners held a celebration, and at 2 o'clock C. Frank Keeney, Charleston, president of district 17, United Mine Workers of America, made the chief address. Nick Aiello, Fairmont, president of sub district 4, was the other speaker. Keeney arrived in town last night. He will also address a miners' Eight Hour Day celebration at Mount Clare at 7 o'clock tonight. A parade and other features were observed.

A meeting is scheduled to be held at Star City this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Fred Mooney, Charleston, secretary of district 17, will not be present at the meeting owing to being detained in Charleston. The address there will be made by A. D. Lavendar, Charleston, district organizer.

One of the big Eight Hour Day celebrations to be held in the country today is at Rivesville. There addresses will be made this afternoon by S. B. Montgomery, former secretary of labor of West Virginia, H. E. Peters, Fairmont, former president of sub district 4, and Nick Aiello, Fairmont, president of sub district 4.

There are other celebrations at various points in sub district 5, with headquarters at Grafton.

MARGARET A. LEE DEAD

Word was received here today from Huntington of the death of Miss Margaret A. Lee, 48 years old, and daughter of Jacob J. Lee of 717 Virginia avenue. The body will be shipped here for burial, and the funeral will be in charge of Undertaker McGuire and Son. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Recent Storm Causes Little Damage to Crops in County

The recent storm did little damage to crops throughout Marion County, according to reports from the office of County Agricultural Agent W. E. McComas.

That the weather has not been cold enough to result in any harm to fruit was the statement made today. No other damage any severity had been reported from the farm bureau office.

FEW MINES IN SOUTHERN PART OF STATE WORK

Extent of Strike Will Not Be Known Until Monday, It Is Now Believed

NO STATEMENT MADE

Keeney and Mooney Not at Offices in Charles- ton Today

CHARLESTON, April 1.—Union and non-union fields in the southern part of West Virginia were waiting until Monday to determine what would be the effect of the strike call of the United Mine Workers. President C. Frank Keeney and Secretary Fred Mooney of district No. 17 were not at their offices and none of the other officials could give any estimate of the number of men who had answered the strike call.

Representatives of the operators said that because the mines were running on only part time and because April 1 was generally observed as a holiday by the miners they could not tell how many miners would strike. D. C. Kennedy, secretary of the Kanawha Coal Operators' Association, said only seven of the mines were operating in the Kanawha field today. He added however, that many were closed because of Mitchell Day, on which last year all mines in the field were closed, and added that at the time the strike call only 60 of the 221 mines in the field were operating, and these on part time.

The seven mines where work was being carried on today he said normally employed about 700 men, but while working on part time the number was less.

Reports from Logan and Williamson fields, Mr. Kennedy declared, were that these fields would deliver their regular number of cars today.

Some of the mines in the New River field were declared by the operators to be working today, but no official report of the number of mines or number of men employed could be given. Most of the mines do not work on Saturday, the operators said, adding that the effect of the strike call could not be told until Monday.

At state police headquarters, it was said no report had been received from the coal fields. There was no information, it was added, of picketing or employing guards for mine property protection.

NEELY LIKELY WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR SENATE

Major M. M. Neely was a visitor in Charleston one day this week. Every place the well-known Fairmont man goes these days, he is approached on the matter of being a candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, and therefore the Charleston Gazette begged that he make a statement along this line. Major Neely said that his trip to Charleston had no political significance.

"I prefer to make no statement as to my political ambitions or future course," said Major Neely. "There is plenty of time for that if it shall be necessary at all."

Following this expression as to his own personal case, Major Neely made a few remarks concerning the conduct of the government under the present Republican administration, which, as was to be expected, coming from a Democrat, were not at all complimentary.

Despite the fact that Major Neely has never seen fit to make a statement that he is in the race for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, the Charleston Gazette, which should be close to the Democratic situation generally, intimates that Major Neely is to enter the race.

Former Local Minister Will Preach at Palatine Baptist

Sunday services at the Palatine Baptist Church of this city will be conducted by the Rev. Arthur Gee, formerly a local minister, now a prominent Baptist pastor at Pittsburgh.

During the absence abroad of the Rev. J. O. Broomfield a year ago, the Reverend Arthur Gee, in charge of the Methodist Protestant temple here for more than a week in his recent visit and will preach at 10 a. m. and morning services Sunday also.

DIES AT MONONGA

Junior Tiana, 11 years old, died at Monongah today.

MINERS ORDERED TO DISREGARD NOTES

Letters to Illinois Workmen Purported to Be From Communist Party

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 1.—Instructions to Illinois miners to disregard circulars purported to be from the Communist Party were issued from the miners headquarters from District No. 12 last night over the name of Frank Farrington, district president, who declared that union officials believe the circulars have been distributed not by communists but by detective agencies for the purpose of including miners to acts of disorder to make business for the detectives.

"You are urged to do everything possible to maintain order and to protect mining properties against acts of depredation," the message continued.

Approximately 95,000 miners suspended work in Illinois 1,035 coal mines today in obedience to the strike order of the international union.

President Farrington left last night for Franklin County to speak at a miners' meeting today.

STRIKING MINERS OBSERVE UNIONS' EIGHT-HOUR DAY

No Official Estimate on Number of Men Joining in Strike Available

PITTSBURGH, April 1.—No official estimate of the number of union miners in the Western Pennsylvania bituminous fields, left their work yesterday was available from either the district headquarters of the miners or from the Pittsburgh Coal Producers' Association controlling about 75 per cent of the output of the district.

Today marked the celebration of the Eight-hour Day, which is always observed by the miners as a holiday, and the operators said that they would be unable to determine the extent of the walk-out before Monday. Miners' officials expected that some 45,000 union men in the Western Pennsylvania fields and 43,000 more in Central Pennsylvania territory, would join the suspension. "So far as a could be learned early today these men quit their posts before midnight yesterday."

The greatest doubt centered about the number of non-union men who would join the movement in the vicinity, comprising mines in Clearfield County and surrounding territory no information was forthcoming from union headquarters at Greensburg, from which a call had been sent out during the past few days to the non-union men to strike with the organized miners.

In West Virginia.
Reports from West Virginia and Eastern Ohio last night were indicative of a general suspension of mining activities. Practically the only doubtful region was that centered about Cumberland, Md., in the Georges Creek and Upper Potomac fields, where mining for fifteen months has been at sub-normal activity and fully 3,000 men have been idle. Six thousand miners were said to be affected by the strike but neither union officials or operators could state the exact number of men who would stop work. This was partly due to the individual contract system used by many of the operators in these districts.

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Makes Second Demand.

A demand that Secretary of Labor James J. Davis make public a statement that the United Mine Workers have "deliberately refused" to negotiate with the operators of Northern West Virginia is contained in a telegram sent today to Secretary Davis by George S. Brackett, secretary of the Northern West Virginia Coal Operators' Association. The telegram followed the receipt of a wire from Davis in reply to a previous demand of a similar nature.

For the first time in history both bituminous and anthracite union coal fields ceased production as the result of the cessation of work by 600,000 miners, effective at midnight last night.

Union officials asserted that 100,000 non-union miners were included in the walkout and that 6,000 of the 7,500 mines in the country were shut down.

Daily loss of production in anthracite fields was estimated at 300,000 tons and the daily loss in bituminous fields was estimated at 1,000,000 tons. In that branch of the industry at \$800,000.

First day of the nationwide suspension fell on the anniversary of the adoption of the eight-hour day, April 1, 1898. As the day has been generally observed as a holiday in normal times, today's estimates of the completeness of the suspension were not regarded as final.

Ample forces were left on duty for necessary protection of the mines. The administration in Washington continued to observe a hands-off policy.

Philip Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America, proposed congressional action to prohibit over development of the coal industry.

Action to prevent a protracted strike of nearly 12,000 was formed in Western Canada was started in Calgary by the government conciliation board.

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